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SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where Soil Testing Laboratories are located in the country,State- wise;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more such laboratories in the country, State-wise particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations identified for setting up of the same; and

(d) the time by which the new laboratories are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): At present there are 651 Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) functioning in the country.A Statement showing state-wise number of STLs working during 2006-07 is enclosed as Annexure-1.

(b) to (d): The Government has proposed to set up 500 new STLs and 250 Mobile STLs in the country including Tamil Nadu under the newly formulated Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility". For the present new laboratories can be set up under scheme of "Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizer" subsumed under Macro Management Scheme. The Tamil Nadu Government is setting up 11 laboratories under Macro Management Scheme at

(i) Thiruvallur,

(ii) Thiruvanamalia

(iii) Villunuran

(iv) Namakkal

(v) Krishnagiri

(vi) Nagapattnam

(vii) Karur

(viii) Perambadur (ix) Thrivarur

(x) Virudhunagar and

(xi) Ariyalur.